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Work done by the Industries Department in South Kanara.

*654 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any officer of the Department of Industries is stationed in South Kanara; and

(b) if so, what work he has been doing?

A.—(a) Yes; a supervisor of industries.

(b) His work consists mainly of the investigation of new engineering projects, of the erection of new power installation, the maintenance of pumping and industrial machinery already at work, the conduct of boring operations, the supply, erection and maintenance of pumps suitable for irrigation and the investigation of applications for loans under the Agriculturists Loans Act.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"The answer to clause (b) of this question is 'His work consists mainly of the investigation of new engineering projects, of the erection of new power installation, the maintenance of pumping and industrial machinery already at work, the conduct of boring operations, the supply, erection and maintenance of pumps suitable for irrigation and the investigation of applications for loans under the Agriculturists Loans Act.' May I ask why a report has not been called for or whether the answer has been defectively worded?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is presumed that the officer who is in charge of the Industries Department in that district must have been doing all kinds of work enumerated in the answer given above."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I ask the hon. Minister to call for a report and place it on the table of this House?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I do not think any report is necessary."

Veterinary

Maintenance of stud bulls for breeding purposes in ten centres of the Presidency.

*655 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: With reference to table No. VII appended to the latest administration report of the Civil Veterinary Department will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government will arrange to maintain stud bulls for breeding purposes in at least ten centres in the Presidency as an experimental measure?

A.—Government breeding bulls are kept at stud at present in the following places :—

The Madras Veterinary College	... ...	7
Ootacamund Gardens	... ...	1
Veterinary Hospital, Conjeeveram	... ...	1
Do. Mayavaram	... ...	2
Do. Madura	... ...	1

Ongole	1
Guntur	1
Mangalore	1
Palkonda	1
Aduthurai Paddy Breeding Station	1
Koilpatti Cotton Breeding Station	4
Taliparamba Experimental Station	1
Amalapuram	1

Proposals for stationing bulls at other veterinary hospitals are under consideration.

In addition to this 19 bulls are at stud under a system of maintenance grants.

The whole system of distribution and supervision of stud bulls is being reviewed. Veterinary hospitals are by no means ideal places at which to station stud bulls but for lack of better places this system is at present being adopted. The Agricultural Department are doing all they can in the matter and the proposal made by the hon. Member is in reality being carried out.

Prevention of anthrax, rinderpest and other diseases.

* 656 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the taluks by districts in which anthrax, blackquarter, rinderpest, foot and mouth disease respectively were prevalent during the current year ;

(*b*) the number of attacks and deaths from each of the above diseases and the number of cases inoculated against each of them in the respective areas ; and

(*c*) other measures, if any, taken to root out or prevent the spread of the diseases referred to above from the concerned areas ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the information asked for is placed on the table. Preventive inoculations against foot and mouth disease are not available at present. There were no virulent outbreaks of anthrax.

(*c*) In many of the affected areas the Cattle Disease Act was in force and suitable measures were taken in regard to segregation, burial of carcases, disinfection, etc.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I know why the serum simultaneous method was not tried in the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" It is being tried gradually whenever and wherever there is a need for it."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what the total number of cattle in these six taluks where there has been such heavy incidence of disease is ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I want notice."

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 124—126 infra.